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We lunched today with Margaret Biddle, the guest of honor being Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. Pleven, Guérin de Beaumont, Lolly La Rivière, Madame de la Grandville, Pierre Brisson, the Ogden Reids, the former Monique Villiers and her husband, Robert de Billy, and others were there. Had a chance for a few interchanges on European integration.

Went to Versailles to view the damage. The worst is over. Odette had put rat poison in the wine cellar -- present result, two dead mice. The Marseille pastis is frozen, dampness has stripped most of the labels from bottles but the contents are unscathed.

Read a touching collection of newspaper accounts on Duff, supplied by Susan Mary Patten.

Vangie had ladies for tea while I read Lytton Strachey on "Eminent Victorians".

Hervé Alphand came to see me. He had talked to Monsieur Bidault about our recent conversation, which I am to pursue with Monsieur Bidault here on Thursday or later in Berlin.

We joined Simone Jacquineau, Griselda Forbes, Sue Railey and Jacqueline Obendorf. Jacqueline had bought an apartment near us and, as we love her, this is good news.

Packing and hurrying, then to the 9:45 p.m. ferry train for London.

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